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(54) **Method and apparatus for allocating fingers in a wireless communication system**

Verfahren und Vorrichtung zur Zuweisung von Fingern in einem drahtlosen Kommunikationssystem

Procédés et appareils pour attribuer des doigts dans un système de communication sans fil

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Description

BACKGROUND

I. Field of the Invention

[0001] The disclosed embodiments relate to the field of communications, and more particularly, to a method and apparatus for managing finger resources in code division multiple access (CDMA) system.

II. Background

[0002] A system for wireless communications in accordance with the CDMA technique has been disclosed and described in various standards published by the Telecommunication Industry Association (TIA). Such standards are commonly known as TIA/EIA/IS-2000, TIA/EIA/95A/B, and WCDMA, among several others. The "3rd Generation Partnership Project" (3GPP) embodied in a set of documents includes Document No. 3G TS 25.211, 3G TS 25.212, 3G TS 25.213, and 3G TS 25.214, known as the WCDMA standard; the "TIA/EIA/IS-95 Remote Station-Base Station Compatibility Standard for Dual-Mode Wideband Spread Spectrum Cellular System" is known as the IS-95 standard; the "TR-45.5 Physical Layer Standard for cdma2000 Spread Spectrum Systems" is known as the CDMA-2000 standard; each incorporated by reference herein.

[0003] Typically, a receiver in a CDMA communication system operates in accordance with a RAKE receiver operation. RAKE receivers and their operation are well known. Such a receiver normally demodulates received signals by assigning one or more fingers to each received signal. Before assigning a finger, the correlation energy of each signal is compared to a threshold. A finger may be assigned to the signal when the correlation energy satisfies the threshold. A receiver may receive multi-path signals of a signal transmitted from a source. The receiver may assign a finger to each multi-path signal. The results from several fingers, assigned correspondingly to several multi-path signals, may be combined in the demodulation process to produce a data symbol. A finger may be de-assigned when the signal correlation energy drops below the threshold. In this case, the correlation energy of the signal is, perhaps, too weak to add any value, independently or in combination with other signals, to the demodulation process. US 5,764,687, WO 97/00562 and US 5,754,583 disclose receivers to which finger assignment may be applied.

[0004] Assigning and de-assigning fingers to a received signal requires substantial processing, and substantial processing delay. It is undesirable to assign a finger to a received signal before assuring that the correlation energy remains adequate for some time during the demodulation process. Moreover, it is undesirable to de-assign a finger before assuring that the correlation energy remains inadequate for some time during the de-

modulation process. In other situations assigning most or all of the finger resources may limit the receiver capacity to demodulate additional signals. Additionally, one or more fingers may possibly be de-assigned from processing a signal without a substantial degradation in the demodulation performance.

[0005] It is to this end as well as others that there is a need for managing finger resources in a communication system receiver.

SUMMARY

[0006] The invention is defined by claims 1, 5 and 8.

[0007] In a communication system, a method and an accompanying apparatus provide for efficient management of finger resources. A controller determines number of available fingers in a receiver. The controller may adjust a threshold based on the determined number of the available fingers. The adjusted threshold may be one of, or any combination of, pilot signal search threshold, lock/unlock threshold, and combine/un-combine threshold. The number of available fingers may change after adjusting the threshold, thereby, allowing management of the number of the available fingers by adjusting the threshold.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0008]

FIG. 1 depicts a block diagram of a communication system receiver.

FIG. 2 depicts a block diagram of a searcher for searching pilot signals.

FIG. 3 depicts a block diagram of a finger for demodulating a received signal.

FIG. 4 depicts a flow chart of the status of finger resources for determining the available number of finger resources.

FIG. 5 depicts relationship of an add-threshold and a drop-threshold to provide a hysteresis effect for changing the status of a finger.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENT(S)

[0009] Generally stated, a novel and improved method and an accompanying apparatus provide for an efficient management of finger resources in a code division multiple access communication system. The exemplary embodiment described herein is set forth in the context of a digital communication system. While use within this context is advantageous, different embodiments of the invention may be incorporated in different environments or configurations. In general, the various systems described herein may be formed using software-controlled processors, integrated circuits, or discrete logic. The data, instructions, commands, information, signals, symbols,

and chips that may be referenced throughout the application may be represented by voltages, currents, electromagnetic waves, magnetic fields or particles, optical fields or particles, or a combination thereof. In addition, the blocks shown in each block diagram may represent hardware or method steps.

[0010] According to various embodiments, a number of available fingers is determined in a receiver of a communication system. A threshold associated with the operation of the fingers may be adjusted based on the number of available fingers. The threshold may be a pilot signal search window threshold in accordance with an embodiment. Initially, a signal may be received by the receiver. A controller assigns at least a finger from the number of available fingers to the received signal. By adjusting the pilot signal search window threshold, the received signal may be assigned more or less of the available fingers. In accordance with an embodiment, the received signal may be assigned more or less of the fingers after the pilot signal search window threshold has been adjusted.

[0011] Referring to FIG. 1, a block diagram of a communication system receiver 100 is shown in accordance with various embodiments. Receiver 100 may be configured for processing received signals in accordance with various embodiments. Radio frequency signals are received via an antenna and front-end assembly 101. The received signals are converted from radio frequencies to baseband frequency or a suitable frequency for demodulation. To demodulate the received signal, at least one finger from fingers 110A-N is assigned to the received signal for a correlation process. When more than one finger 110A-N is assigned to the received signal, each assigned finger 110A-N routes its correlation energy to a combiner 111. Combiner 111 combines the correlation energies of a data symbol from each of the assigned fingers. The combined result passes to a de-interleaver 112 for a de-interleaving operation. A decoder 113 receives the de-interleaved data symbols, and performs a decoding operation on the received data symbols to complete the demodulation process.

[0012] Receiver 100, in accordance with various embodiments, may be incorporated for operation in any device such as a base station, or a remote unit including a mobile phone. While in operation, receiver 100 may be searching for signals. When receiver 100 is incorporated in a base station, receiver 100 searches for signals from sources such as mobile phones. Similarly, when receiver 100 is incorporated in a mobile phone, receiver 100 searches for signals from sources such as different base stations. Typically, in accordance with the CDMA standard, the receiver 100 searches for detection of pilot signals transmitted from different sources. As such, a searcher 120 continuously or periodically searches for pilot signals. Once a pilot signal is detected, the information is communicated to a controller 121. Controller 121 is communicatively coupled to different operating blocks, although not all the connections are shown. Controller

121, based on the information received from searcher 120, assigns at least one of the fingers 110A-N to demodulate the received signal.

[0013] Referring to FIG. 2, a block diagram 200 of searcher 120 is shown in accordance with various embodiments. Each pilot signal is spread at a transmitting source (not shown) in accordance with the CDMA standard. As such, a received pilot signal passes through a PN despreading operation in de-spreader 201. Receiver 100 normally has information about the PN codes used by different transmitting sources. The information may be used in the despreading operation. Moreover, each pilot signal also is Walsh covered at the transmitting source in accordance with a predefined Walsh function. Therefore, de-spreader 201 passes the de-spread signal to a Walsh de-cover element 202. The Walsh de-covered result passes to a filter 203. Filter 203 may operate as an accumulator. The accumulation process may have a finite accumulation window. The accumulated energy at the output of filter 203 passes to a comparator 204. The accumulated energy is compared to a threshold. The threshold may be the pilot signal search window threshold. If the accumulated energy satisfies the pilot signal search window threshold, controller 121 assigns at least a finger 110A-N to demodulate a signal received from the same source. If the accumulated energy fails the pilot signal search window threshold, searcher 120 continues to search for other pilot signals. Searcher 120 may search for multiple pilot signals.

[0014] The pilot signal search window threshold normally is predetermined. The level of the pilot signal search window threshold is selected to provide an assurance of a successful demodulation of a related received signal. If the threshold is selected at a low correlation energy level, a finger 110A-N may be assigned to a received signal that may not be demodulated at an adequate probability of error. Moreover, if the threshold is selected at a high correlation energy level, a finger 110A-N may not be assigned to a received signal that may have been demodulated at an adequate probability of error.

[0015] In accordance with various embodiments, the finger resources may be managed more efficiently by determining the number of available fingers and adjusting the threshold based on the available number of fingers. For example, if the receiver has a high number of available fingers, the threshold may be lowered such that more fingers are assigned to the received signal. In this case, since more fingers are assigned to the signal, the resulting combined energy may be at a higher level, thus leading to an adequate demodulation error rate. In another example, if the receiver has a low number of available fingers, the threshold may be raised such that fewer fingers are assigned to the received signal. In this case, the remaining un-assigned fingers may be reserved for other received signals. In this manner, the receiver is capable of responding to multiple received signals.

[0016] The receiver via the controller accepts or denies

processing of a received signal. After the threshold is adjusted, the receiver may receive a new pilot signal. The received pilot signal is correlated within a search window. The correlation energy of the received pilot signal is compared to the adjusted search window threshold in accordance with an embodiment. Accepting or denying the processing of the received signal may be based on comparing the level of received pilot signal energy to the adjusted threshold, in accordance with an embodiment. The accepted or denied received signal may be associated with the newly received pilot signal in accordance with an embodiment. The association may be based on having a common transmitting source.

[0017] Referring to FIG. 3, a block diagram 300 of a finger 110 is shown in accordance with various embodiments. After a finger 110 is assigned to a received signal, the associated pilot signal in parallel with the received signal may be processed to demodulate the received signal. The received signal and the associated received pilot signal may be spread at the transmitting source (not shown) in accordance with the CDMA standard. Therefore, the received signal and the associated received pilot signal may pass through a PN despreading operation in de-spreader 301. The received signal additionally may be spread according to another PN code, commonly known as a short PN code. Accordingly, the received signal may be de-spread at de-spreader 302. Receiver 100 normally has information about the PN codes used by different transmitting sources. The information may be used in the de-spreading process. Moreover, the received signal and the pilot signal may be Walsh covered at the transmitting source in accordance with corresponding predefined Walsh functions. Therefore, de-spreader 301 passes the de-spread pilot signal to a Walsh decoder 303, and de-spreader 302 passes the despread received signal to a Walsh decoder 304. The Walsh de-covered result of the pilot signal passes to a filter 306. The Walsh de-covered result of the received signal passes to a filter 305. Filters 305 and 306 may operate as accumulators. The accumulation may have a finite accumulation window. The accumulated energies from filters 305 and 306 pass to a multiplier 307. The operation of multiplier 307 may be according to a dot-product operation. If other fingers are assigned to the received signal, the result from multiplier 307 passes to combiner 111 for combining with the results from other assigned fingers. The timing used in operations of each finger may be different depending on the multi-path signals.

[0018] One or more of the fingers assigned to the demodulation process of a received signal may be operating in accordance with a timing that produces erroneous result. As such, when the result from such a finger is used and combined with the result from another finger, the demodulation process is degraded. To prevent such a problem, when processing the associated pilot signal, two indicators are also produced. The first indicator is a lock/unlock indicator. The second indicator is a combine/un-combine indicator.

[0019] Lock/unlock indicator indicates whether the associated pilot signal being processed provides adequate energy. After some accumulation of energy in a filter 350, the pilot signal energy is compared to a lock/unlock threshold in a comparator 351. If a unlock indication is produced, the result from this finger is ignored in the combining process at combiner 111. Although the pilot signal may be in a lock condition, the produced energy may be inadequate for a combine operation with other fingers. After some accumulation of energy in a filter 360, the pilot signal energy is compared to a combine/un-combine threshold in a comparator 361. If a combine indication is produced, the result from this finger is combined with results from other fingers.

[0020] Referring to FIG. 4, a flow chart 400 for determining the status of the fingers is shown in accordance with various embodiments. Flow chart 400 may be used to determine the availability of the fingers. At step 401, the numbers of assigned and un-assigned fingers are determined. The number of un-assigned fingers may be included in the number of available fingers. The assigned fingers may be either in the lock condition or unlock condition. At step 402, the number of assigned fingers in the unlock and lock conditions are determined. Since the results from the assigned unlock fingers are not included in the demodulation process, the number of assigned unlock fingers may be added to the number of available fingers. The assigned fingers in lock condition may be either in the combine condition or un-combine condition. At step 403, the number of fingers in the combine and un-combine conditions are determined. Since the fingers in the un-combine condition are not included in the demodulation process, the number of un-combine fingers may be added to the number of available fingers. In accordance with various embodiments, the total number of available fingers may change as a result of adjusting the combine/un-combine threshold at block 361 (shown in FIG. 3), or the lock/unlock threshold at block 351 (shown in FIG. 3), or both.

[0021] After a signal is received, at least a finger may be assigned to the received signal. By adjusting the lock/unlock threshold, more or less of fingers may switch from lock to unlock condition or from unlock to lock condition. For example, if the lock/unlock threshold is raised, a finger in lock condition may switch to unlock condition because the accumulated energy may not meet the newly raised lock/unlock threshold. As such, the lock/unlock indicator switches from lock condition to unlock condition. The fingers that switch to unlock condition may be added to the available fingers for a new assignment. Consequently, the adjustment may change the total number of available fingers. Several fingers may be in the unlock condition for a period of time. In accordance with an embodiment, the fingers that have been in the unlock condition for a long period of time may be selected as the first candidates for release. Once a finger is released, it may be added to the total number of available fingers.

[0022] Moreover, by adjusting the combine/un-com-

bine threshold, more or less of fingers may switch from the combine to un-combine condition or from uncombine to the combine condition. For example, if the combine/un-combine threshold is raised, a finger in the combine condition may switch to un-combine condition because the accumulated energy may not meet the newly raised combine/un-combine threshold. As such, the combine/un-combine indicator switches from the combine condition to un-combine condition. The fingers that switch to un-combine condition may be added to the available fingers. Consequently, the adjustment may change the total number of available fingers. Several fingers may be in the un-combine condition for a period of time. In accordance with an embodiment, the fingers that have been in the un-combine condition for a long period of time may be selected as the first candidates for release. Once a finger is released, it may be added to the total number of available fingers.

[0023] In accordance with the CDMA standards, a receiver, such as receiver 100, keeps a list of a set of base stations that are prioritized according to their availability and success of providing an adequate signal at the receiver 100. The sets of base stations are commonly called Active set, Candidate set, and Neighbor Set. Each set identifies a set of base stations for communication with a mobile station in the communication system. The Active set identifies a set of base stations assigned for communication with the mobile station. The Candidate set identifies a set of base stations with sufficient pilot signal strength at the mobile station that are suitable for communication with the mobile station. The Active set is exclusive of the Candidate set. The Neighbor set identifies a set of base stations for possible communications with the mobile station. The Neighbor set is exclusive of the Active and Candidate sets.

[0024] By adjusting, individually or in combinations, the pilot signal search window threshold, lock/unlock threshold, and combine/un-combine threshold, at least one base station may move from one set to another set among the Active, Candidate and Neighbor sets of base stations, in accordance with an embodiment. After adjusting any one of the thresholds, a base station may better meet the criteria for another set. For example, after adjusting the pilot signal search window threshold, a base station may not be suitable to be in the Active set. Therefore, the base station is moved from the Active set to a more suitable set, such as the Candidate set, for example. Once a base station is moved from the Active set to the Candidate set, a finger assigned to a signal from the base station may be released, and added to the total number of available fingers.

[0025] Referring to FIG. 5, in accordance with various embodiments, each one of the operations in receiver 100, including searching for pilot signals operation, locking/unlocking operation, and combining/un-combining operation, may include use of an add-threshold and a drop-threshold. For example, in case of the pilot signal search window threshold, every time the received pilot

signal energy at comparator 204 moves above an add-threshold 501, the pilot signal energy satisfies the threshold. Moreover, when the received pilot signal energy at comparator 204 drops below a drop-threshold 502, the pilot signal energy fails to satisfy the threshold. In another example, in case of the lock/unlock threshold, when the pilot signal energy moves above add-threshold 501, the lock/unlock indicator indicates a lock condition. Similarly, when the pilot signal energy drops below drop-threshold 502, the lock/unlock indicator indicates the unlock condition. In another example, in case of the combine/un-combine threshold, when the pilot signal energy moves above add-threshold 501, the combine/un-combine indicator indicates a combine condition. Similarly, when the pilot signal energy drops below drop-threshold 502, the combine/uncombine indicator indicates a un-combine condition. Moreover, the operations for determining the Active set, Candidate set, and Neighbor set of base stations in the communication system may include use of add-threshold 501 and drop-threshold 502. As such, a hysteresis is created for stability of the process. Pilot signal search window threshold, lock/unlock threshold, and combine/uncombine threshold, each may have a corresponding add-threshold and a corresponding drop-threshold. When a threshold is adjusted, in accordance with various embodiments, the threshold may be either a corresponding add-threshold 501, or a corresponding drop-threshold 502, or both.

[0026] The previous description of the preferred embodiments is provided to enable any person skilled in the art to make or use the present invention. The various modifications to these embodiments will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art, and the generic principles defined herein may be applied to other embodiments without the use of the inventive faculty. Thus, the present invention is not intended to be limited to the embodiments shown herein but is to be accorded the scope as defined by the appended claims.

Claims

1. An apparatus operable in a communication system, comprising:

a controller (121) configured to assign at least one finger (110 A-N) by determining a number of available fingers (110 A-N) and adjusting a pilot signal search window threshold based on the number of available fingers (110 A-N); one or more comparators (204, 351, 361) including at least one of:

an assign comparator (204) in a searcher (120) that searches for a signal, the assign comparator (204) comparing an energy of the signal to the pilot signal search window threshold to determine whether to assign a

finger (110 A-N) to demodulate the signal, a lock comparator (351) in an assigned finger (110 A-N) that compares an energy of the signal to a lock threshold to determine whether to demodulate the signal, and a combine comparator (361) in the assigned finger (110 A-N) that compares an energy of the signal to a combine threshold to determine whether to demodulate the signal; and

a decoder (113) configured to receive correlation energy from the one or more comparators (204, 351, 361) and demodulate the signal.

2. The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the one or more comparators (204, 351, 361) includes at least one of the assign comparator (204), the lock comparator (351) and the combine comparator (361).

3. The apparatus as recited in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the controller (121) is further configured to adjust one or more of the pilot signal search window threshold, the lock threshold, and the combine threshold.

4. The apparatus as recited in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein one or more of the pilot signal search window threshold, the lock threshold, and combine threshold comprise an add-threshold and drop-threshold.

5. A method for managing resources in a communication system, comprising:

assigning, using a controller (121), at least one finger (110A-N) by determining a number of available fingers (110A-N) and adjusting, using the controller (121), a pilot signal search window threshold based on the number of available fingers; at least one of:

in an assign comparator (204), searching for a signal by comparing an energy of the signal to the pilot signal search window threshold to determine whether to assign a finger (110A-N) to demodulate the signal, in a lock comparator (351), comparing an energy of the signal to a lock threshold to determine whether to demodulate the signal, and_ in a combine comparator (361), comparing an energy of the signal to a combine threshold to determine whether to demodulate the signal; and receiving correlation energy from the one or more comparators (204, 351, 361) and demodulating the signal.

6. The method as recited in claim 5, further comprising adjusting one or more of the pilot signal search window threshold, the lock threshold, and the combine threshold.

7. The method as recited in any of claims 5 or 6, wherein one or more of the pilot signal search window threshold, the lock threshold, and combine threshold comprise an add-threshold and drop-threshold.

8. Non-transitory machine-readable media including instructions which when executed cause a processor to perform a method for managing resources in a communication system, the method comprising:

assigning at least one finger (110A-N) by determining a number of available fingers (110A-N) and adjusting a pilot signal search window threshold based on the number of available fingers; at least one of:

searching for a signal, in an assign comparator (204), by comparing an energy of the signal to the pilot signal search window threshold to determine whether to assign a finger (110A-N) to demodulate the signal, comparing an energy of the signal, in a lock comparator (351), to a lock threshold to determine whether to demodulate the signal, and_ comparing an energy of the signal, in a combine comparator (361), to a combine threshold to determine whether to demodulate the signal; and receiving correlation energy from the one or more comparators (204, 351, 361) and demodulating the signal.

Patentansprüche

1. Eine Vorrichtung, die in einem Kommunikationssystem betreibbar ist, die Folgendes aufweist:

eine Steuervorrichtung bzw. einen Controller (121), der konfiguriert ist zum Zuweisen wenigstens eines Demodulationselementes bzw. Fingers (110 AN) durch Bestimmen einer Anzahl von verfügbaren Fingern (110 A-N) und Anpassen bzw. Einstellen eines Pilotsignalsuchfenserswellenwertes basierend auf der Anzahl von verfügbaren Fingern (110 A-N); ein oder mehrere Vergleichselemente bzw. Komparatoren (204, 351, 361), die wenigstens eines von Folgendem aufweisen:

ein Zuweisungsvergleichselement (204) in

- einem Suchelement (120), das nach einem Signal sucht, wobei das Zuweisungsvergleichselement (204) eine Energie des Signals mit dem Pilotsignalsuchfensterschwellenwert vergleicht um zu bestimmen, ob ein Finger (110 A-N) zugewiesen werden soll, um das Signal zu demodulieren, 5
ein Verriegelungsvergleichselement (351) in einem zugewiesenen Finger (110 A-N), das eine Energie des Signals mit einem Verriegelungsschwellenwert vergleicht um zu bestimmen, ob das Signal demoduliert werden soll, und 10
ein Kombinationsvergleichselement (361) in dem zugewiesenen Finger (110 A-N), das eine Energie des Signals mit einem Kombinationsschwellenwert vergleicht, um zu bestimmen, ob das Signal demoduliert werden soll; und 15
einen Decodierer (113), der konfiguriert ist, um Korrelationsenergie von dem einen oder den mehreren Vergleichselementen (204, 351, 361) zu empfangen und das Signal zu demodulieren. 20
2. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 1, wobei das eine oder die mehreren Vergleichselemente (204, 351, 361) das Zuweisungsvergleichselement (204) und/oder das Verriegelungsvergleichselement (351) und/oder das Kombinationsvergleichselement (361) beinhalten. 25
3. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 1 oder Anspruch 2, wobei der Controller (121) weiter konfiguriert ist zum Einstellen des Pilotsignalsuchfensterschwellenwertes und/oder des Verriegelungsschwellenwertes und/oder des Kombinationsschwellenwertes. 30
4. Vorrichtung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 3, wobei der Pilotsignalsuchfensterschwellenwert und/oder der Verriegelungsschwellenwert und/oder der Kombinationsschwellenwert einen Hinzufügen-Schwellenwert und Fallen-Lassen-Schwellenwert aufweisen. 35
5. Ein Verfahren zum Verwalten von Ressourcen in einem Kommunikationssystem, das Folgendes aufweist: 40
Zuweisen, unter Verwendung eines Controllers (121), wenigstens eines Demodulationselementes bzw. Fingers (110 A-N) durch Bestimmen einer Anzahl von verfügbaren Fingern (110 A-N) und Einstellen, unter Verwendung des Controllers (121), eines Pilotsignalsuchfensterschwellenwertes basierend auf der Anzahl von verfügbaren Fingern; 45
wenigstens eines von Folgendem: 50
in einem Zuweisungskomparator bzw. -vergleichselement (204), Suchen nach einem Signal durch Vergleichen einer Energie des Signals mit einem Pilotsignalsuchfensterschwellenwert, um zu bestimmen, ob ein Finger (110 A-N) zugewiesen werden soll, um das Signal zu demodulieren, 5
in einem Verriegelungsvergleichselement (351), Vergleichen einer Energie des Signals mit einem Verriegelungsschwellenwert um zu bestimmen, ob das Signal demoduliert werden soll, und 10
in einem Kombinationsvergleichselement (361), Vergleichen einer Energie des Signals mit einem Kombinationsschwellenwert zum Bestimmen, ob das Signal demoduliert werden soll; und 15
Empfangen von Korrelationsenergie von dem einen oder den mehreren Vergleichselementen (204, 351, 361) und Demodulieren des Signals. 20
6. Verfahren nach Anspruch 5, das weiter Einstellen des Pilotsignalsuchfensterschwellenwertes und/oder des Verriegelungsschwellenwertes und/oder des Kombinationsschwellenwertes aufweist. 25
7. Verfahren nach einem der Ansprüche 5 oder 6, wobei der Pilotsignalsuchfensterschwellenwert und/oder der Verriegelungsschwellenwert und/oder der Kombinationsschwellenwert einen Hinzufügen-Schwellenwert und Fallen-Lassen-Schwellenwert aufweisen. 30
8. Nicht-transitorisches maschinenlesbares Medium, das Instruktionen beinhaltet, die, wenn sie ausgeführt werden, einen Prozessor veranlassen, ein Verfahren zum Verwalten von Ressourcen in einem Kommunikationssystem durchzuführen, wobei das Verfahren Folgendes aufweist: 35
Zuweisen wenigstens eines Demodulationselementes bzw. Fingers (110 AN) durch Bestimmen einer Anzahl von verfügbaren Fingern (110 A-N) und Anpassen bzw. Einstellen eines Pilotsignalsuchfensterschwellenwertes basierend auf der Anzahl von verfügbaren Fingern; 40
wenigstens eines von Folgendem: 45
Suchen nach einem Signal, in einem Zuweisungskomparator bzw. 50
Zuweisungsvergleichselement (204), durch Vergleichen einer Energie des Signals mit dem Pilotsignalsuchfensterschwellenwert um zu bestimmen, ob ein Finger (110A-N) zugewiesen werden soll, um das Signal zu demodulieren, 55

Vergleichen einer Energie des Signals, in einem Verriegelungsvergleichselement (351), mit einem Verriegelungsschwellenwert um zu bestimmen, ob das Signal demoduliert werden soll, und
 5 Vergleichen einer Energie des Signals, in einem Kombinationsvergleichselement (361), mit einem Kombinationsschwellenwert, um zu bestimmen, ob das Signal demoduliert werden soll; und
 10 Empfangen von Korrelationsenergie von dem einen oder den mehreren Vergleichselementen (204, 351, 361) und Demodulieren des Signals.
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Revendications

1. Dispositif actionnable dans un système de communication, comprenant :

un contrôleur (121) agencé pour affecter au moins un doigt (110 A-N) en déterminant un nombre de doigts disponibles (110 A-N) et en ajustant un seuil de fenêtre de recherche de signal pilote sur la base du nombre de doigts (110 A-N) disponibles ;

un ou plusieurs comparateurs (204, 351, 361) comprenant au moins l'un des comparateurs suivantes :

un comparateur d'affectation (204) dans un dispositif de recherche (120) qui recherche un signal, le comparateur d'affectation (204) comparant l'énergie du signal au seuil de fenêtre de recherche de signal pilote pour déterminer s'il faut affecter un doigt (110 A-N) pour démoduler le signal, un comparateur de verrouillage (351) dans un doigt affecté (110 A-N) qui compare l'énergie du signal à un seuil de verrouillage pour déterminer s'il faut démoduler le signal, et

un comparateur de combinaison (361) dans le doigt affecté (110 A-N) qui compare l'énergie du signal à un seuil de combinaison pour déterminer s'il faut démoduler le signal ; et

un décodeur (113) agencé pour recevoir de l'énergie de corrélation à partir desdits un ou plusieurs comparateurs (204, 351, 361) et démoduler le signal.

2. Dispositif selon la revendication 1, dans lequel lesdits un ou plusieurs comparateurs (204, 351, 361) comprennent au moins l'un du comparateur d'affectation (204), du comparateur de verrouillage (351) et du comparateur de combinaison (361).

3. Dispositif selon la revendication 1 ou la revendication 2, dans lequel le contrôleur (121) est en outre agencé pour ajuster un ou plusieurs éléments parmi le seuil de fenêtre de recherche de signal pilote, le seuil de verrouillage, et le seuil de combinaison.

4. Dispositif selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 3, dans lequel un ou plusieurs seuils parmi le seuil de fenêtre de recherche de signal pilote, le seuil de verrouillage et le seuil de combinaison comprennent un seuil d'ajout et un seuil de suppression.

5. Procédé pour gérer des ressources dans un système de communication, comprenant :

affecter, en utilisant un contrôleur (121), au moins un doigt (110 A-N) en déterminant un nombre de doigts (110 A-N) disponibles et en ajustant, en utilisant le contrôleur (121), un seuil de fenêtre de recherche de signal pilote sur la base du nombre de doigts disponibles ;
 au moins l'une des étapes suivantes :

dans un comparateur d'affectation (204), rechercher un signal en comparant l'énergie du signal au seuil de fenêtre de recherche de signal pilote pour déterminer s'il faut affecter un doigt (110 A-N) pour démoduler le signal,

dans un comparateur de verrouillage (351), comparer l'énergie du signal à un seuil de verrouillage pour déterminer s'il faut démoduler le signal, et

dans un comparateur de combinaison (361), comparer l'énergie du signal à un seuil de combinaison pour déterminer s'il faut démoduler le signal ; et

recevoir de l'énergie de corrélation à partir desdits un ou plusieurs comparateurs (204, 351, 361) et démoduler le signal.

6. Procédé selon la revendication 5, comprenant en outre un ajustement d'un ou plusieurs seuils parmi le seuil de fenêtre de recherche de signal pilote, le seuil de verrouillage et le seuil de combinaison.

7. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 5 ou 6, dans lequel un ou plusieurs seuils parmi le seuil de fenêtre de recherche de signal pilote, le seuil de verrouillage, et le seuil de combinaison comprennent un seuil d'ajout et un seuil de suppression.

8. Support non transitoire lisible par une machine comprenant des instructions qui, lorsqu'elles sont exécutées, amènent un processeur à réaliser un procédé de gestion de ressources dans un système de communication, le procédé comprenant :

affecter au moins un doigt (110 A-N) en déterminant un nombre de doigts (110 A-N) disponibles et en ajustant un seuil de fenêtre de recherche de signal pilote sur la base du nombre de doigts disponibles ;
au moins l'une des étapes suivantes :

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rechercher un signal, dans un comparateur d'affectation (204), en comparant l'énergie du signal au seuil de fenêtre de recherche de signal pilote pour déterminer s'il faut affecter un doigt (110 A-N) pour démoduler le signal,

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comparer l'énergie du signal, dans un comparateur de verrouillage (351), à un seuil de verrouillage pour déterminer s'il faut démoduler le signal, et

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comparer l'énergie du signal, dans un comparateur de combinaison (361), à un seuil de combinaison pour déterminer s'il faut démoduler le signal ; et

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recevoir de l'énergie de corrélation à partir desdits un ou plusieurs comparateurs (204, 351, 361) et démoduler le signal.

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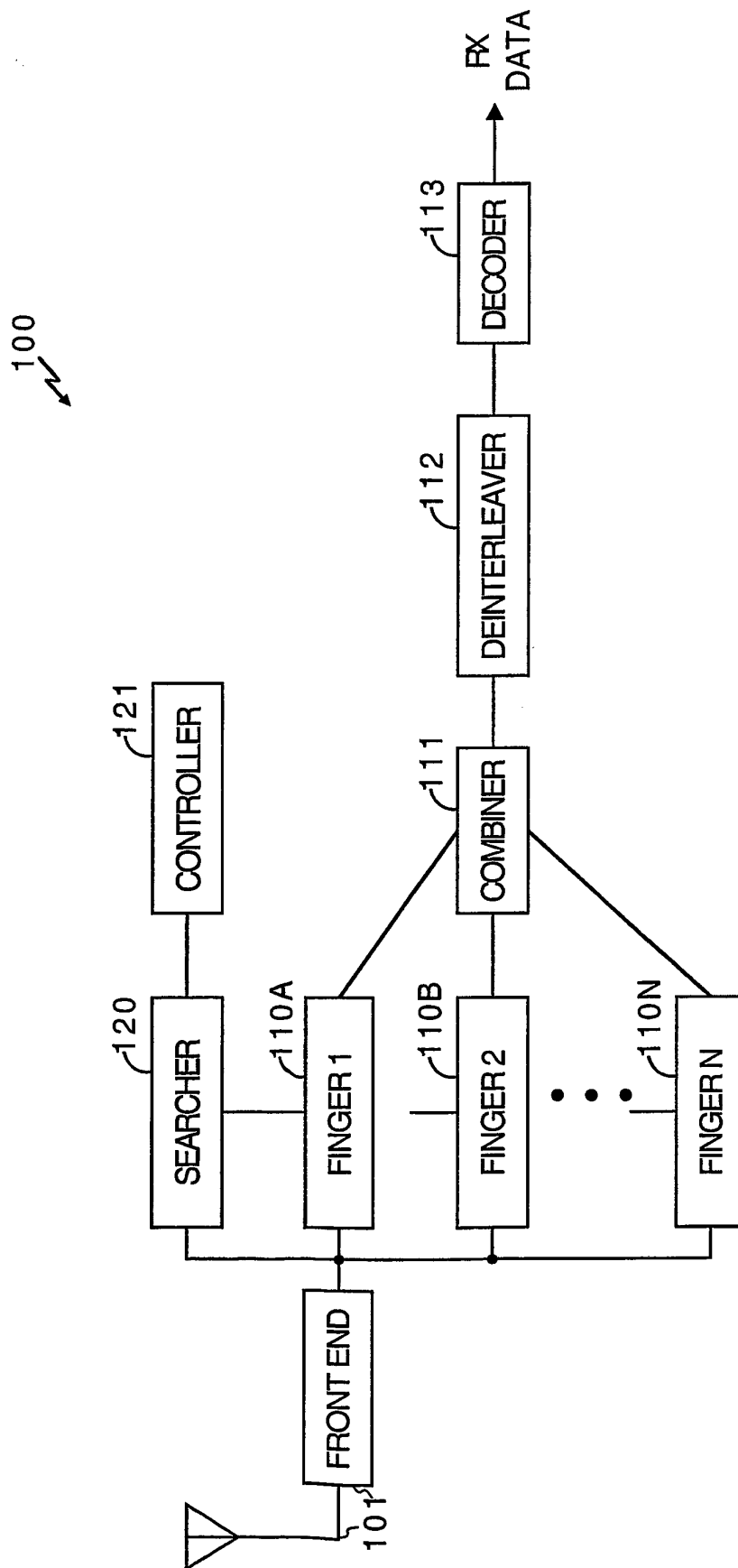


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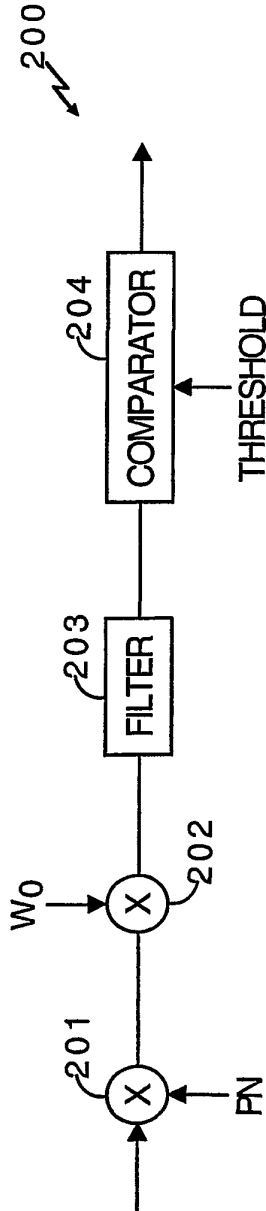


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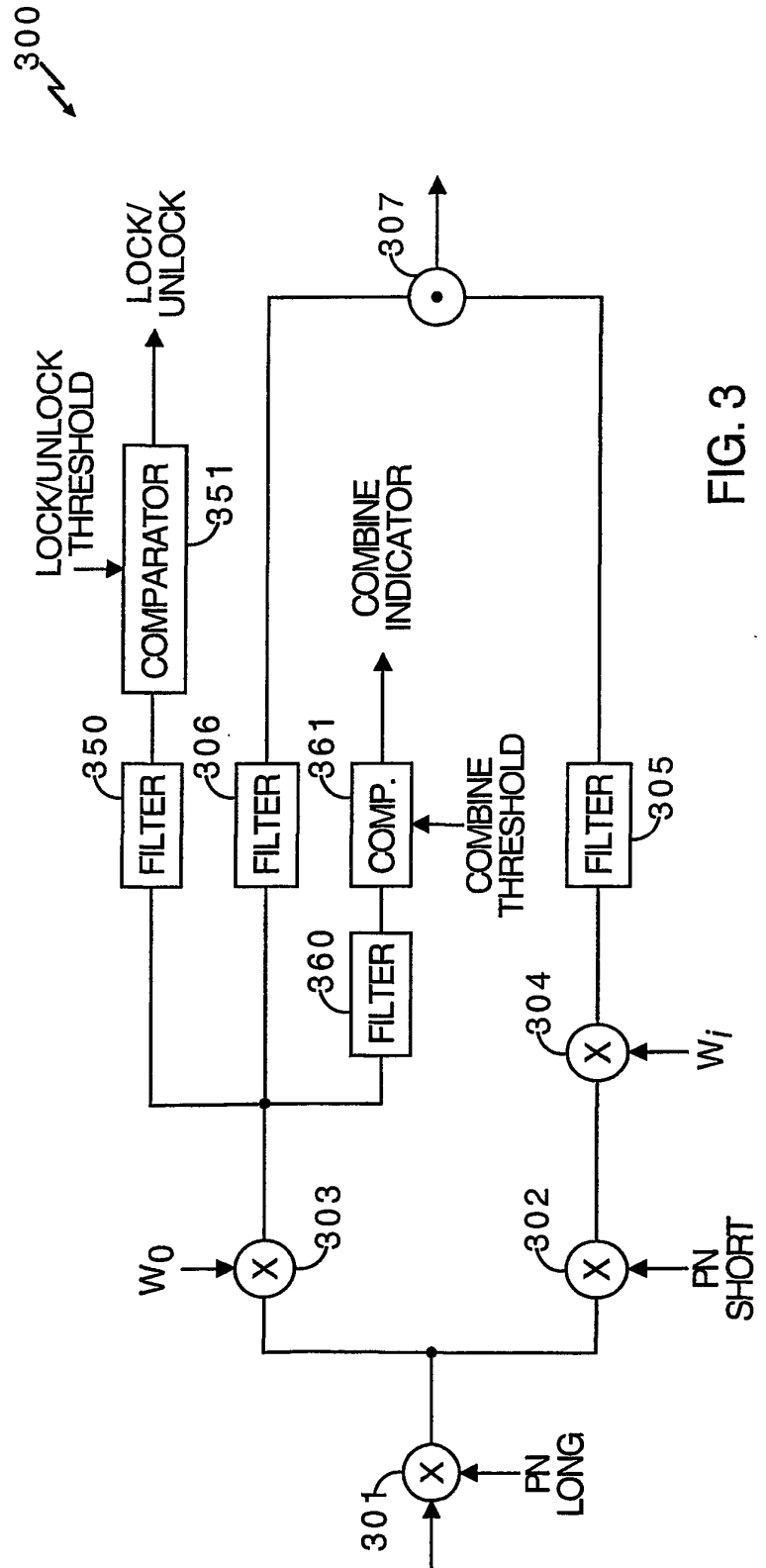


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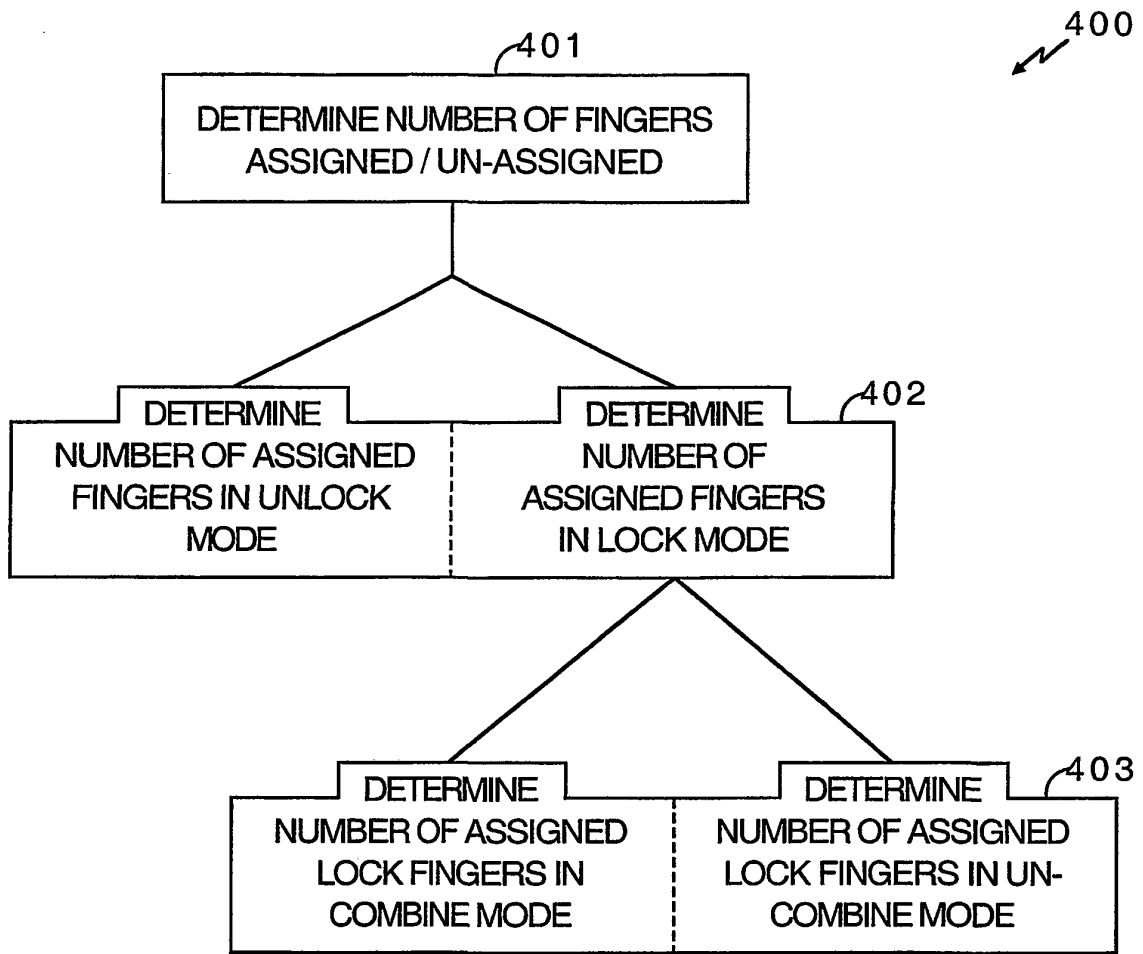


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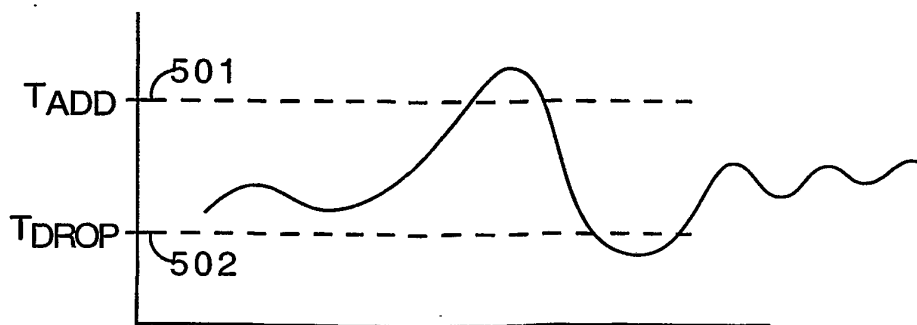


FIG. 5

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